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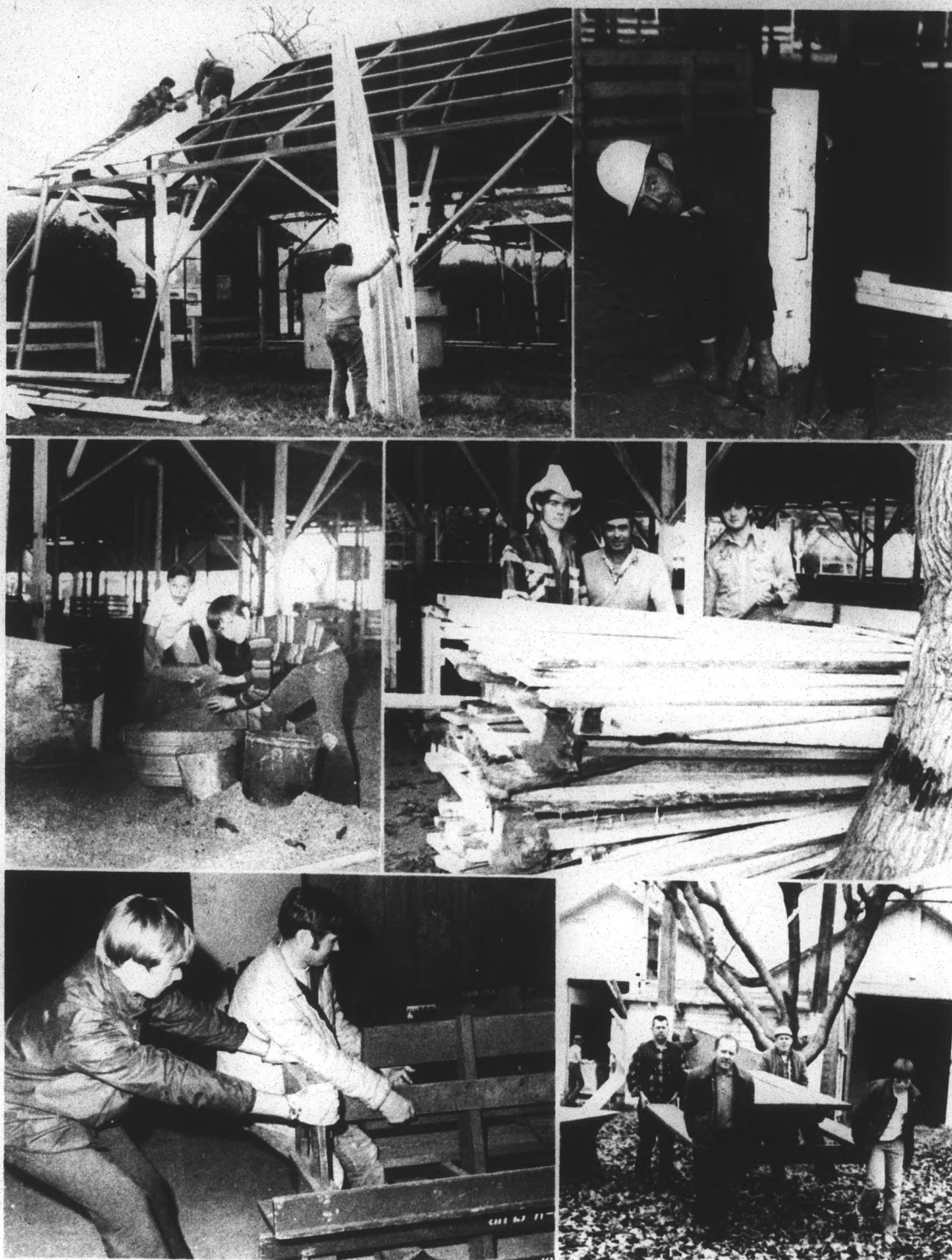
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NEW PORTERVILLE FAIR GETS STARTED



DEMOLITION OF barns on the Porterville fair grounds got underway over the past weekend to clear the way for new construction, with Vance Tate and Roy Williams starting to pull off metal roofs and clear out livestock pens from inside the barns. Salvageable material from the barns will be used in renovation of the fair's commercial exhibit building. In photos, top right, Vance Tate; center, right, Edward Williams, Roy Williams and Roy Dean Williams; at left, Tommy Tate and Randy Williams; lower photos of work in clearing out the fair's commercial exhibit building, left, Steve Knapp and Walter Doyel, Plano 4-H; and right, Doug Webb, Bill Murdock, and Dewayne Milford, Burton and Vandalia 4-H leaders, and Harold Kempfer, Plano 4-H. (Farm Tribune photos)

A BICENTENNIAL FEATURE

FROM THE FAREWELL ADDRESS OF GEORGE WASHINGTON, 1796

... This government, the offspring of our own choice, uninfluenced and unawed, adopted upon full investigation and mature deliberation, completely free in its principles, in the distribution of its powers, uniting security with energy, and containing within itself a provision for its own amendment, has a just claim to your confidence and your support.

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The basis of our political systems is the right of the people to make and to alter their constitutions of government. But the constitution which at any time exists till changed by an explicit and authentic act of the whole people is sacredly obligatory upon all.

The very idea of the power and the right of the people to establish government presupposes the duty of every individual to obey the established government.

It is important likewise, that the habits of thinking in a free country should inspire caution in those interested with its administration to confine themselves within their respective constitutional spheres, avoiding in the exercise of the powers of one department to encroach upon another. The spirit of encroachment tends to consolidate the powers of all departments in one, and thus create, whatever the form of government, a real despotism.

It is substantially true that virtue or morality is a necessary spring of popular government. The rule indeed extends with more

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City Of Hope Auditions Set

PORTERVILLE - Auditions for the 1976 City of Hope Spectacular have been set for February 3 at 7 p.m. in the Porterville Memorial auditorium, with Pete Varekio, president of the Porterville City Of Hope chapter, stating that only "new" acts need to audition.

Audition forms may be obtained at the office of the Porterville chamber of commerce; forms should be completed and turned in at the auditorium the evening of February 3.

Varekio says that under the 1976 rules, persons who appeared in the 1975 Spectacular will not be eligible to try out this year, but if acts of a specific type are needed, then outstanding performers from last year will be asked to appear again.

Any person or groups interested in show business, also those who auditioned in the past

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PIONEER WATER COMPANY MAY GET LOAN INCREASE UNDER NEW BILL

PORTERVILLE - Directors of the Pioneer Water company may be able to increase the amount of an existing loan from the Federal government to

compensate for inflation and price increases that have occurred since the company obtained a loan in fiscal 1973 to put the entire Pioneer ditch system into pipeline.

Under H.R. 6874, a bill to amend the Small Reclamation Projects act that has passed the House and Senate and was recently signed by President Ford, provision is made to allow for retroactive increases by the Secretary of the Interior to enlarge the amount of a loan in order to compensate for increases in costs resulting from price escalations due to inflation and/or for such modifications in the proposed plan as are necessary for the realization of the original purpose of the project.

Hot Stove

PORTERVILLE - Stars of professional baseball will be featured in interviews and general conversation at second annual Hot Stove dinner sponsored by the Tule Kiwanis club of Porterville at the Monache Campus center, next Thursday evening, January 22.

Serving of a barbecue beef dinner, at \$3.50 per plate, will start at 7 p.m.; tickets are available at Maples Sport shop, Morris Plan office, and Sherwood realty, and also from

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Allan Grant Is Elected President Of American Farm Bureau Federation

VISALIA - A "local boy" has made it big in Farm Bureau - Allan Grant, of Visalia, was elected president of the American Farm Bureau Federation at the Federation's national convention in St. Louis last week.

Grant, who had served as vice president of the organization since 1971, defeated incumbent William J. Kuhfuss, of Machinaw, Illinois, who had no announced opposition prior to the election.

At the California Farm Bureau Federation convention in December, Grant retired as president of that organization after serving since 1963. He was also president of the State Board of Agriculture and was an ex-officio, voting member of the University of California board of regents during the administration of Governor Ronald Reagan.

Grant is a past president of the Tulare County Farm Bureau and over a period of many years,

starting in the 1930s, was active in 4-H work. The Grant family operated a dairy near Visalia

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ALLAN GRANT, of Visalia, the new president of the American Farm Bureau Federation.



PAYMENT OF \$7.79 bill at Jones Hardware, Tuesday, January 6, brought \$200 to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wilcher, who collected on Pot No. 1 in The Farm Tribune-Special Merchants' weekly Tuesday bonus. Wilcher, left, who is with the California Division of Forestry, is shown receiving a check for \$200 from Harold Dyar, the Tribune's advertising manager, after which he thanked Tuesday Bonus merchants for his award. Merchants participating in Tuesday bonus are: Bannister's, Bullard's, Clare-Retta, Daybell's, Emmy's, Hammond's, Jones Hardware, Juven-Aire, Leggett's, Reisig's Shoe, The Vogue and Wanda's. From \$5.00 to \$200.00 is given away each Tuesday to persons whose name comes up in the Tuesday Bonus pot. Complete rules are available at Tuesday Bonus stores. (Farm Tribune photo)



MISS INA STINER, in the above 1961 photo, is shown in a dress that dated back to 1874 - a dress that was worn by her mother, Jessie Wing, at her wedding reception when she married Henry Stiner at La Porte, California. The dress is a dove grey in color and made of Irish Poplin silk. The late Miss Stiner came to Porterville in 1912 to teach at Porterville high school, where she continued for 41 years. During her years as a teacher and librarian, she

compiled, initially with the assistance of students, biographical material on early-day families, then branched out into general community history, compiling and editing a tremendous amount of historical material relating to the Porterville community and surrounding area, much of which is available in the Porterville city library. She was named Porterville's woman of the year in 1956.

(Hammond Studio photo)

BLACK EDUCATOR SPEAKS TODAY

PORTERVILLE — William Love, a black education consultant from Oakland, will present a lecture at Porterville college today in observance of Martin Luther King day.

Love's address, covering the subject of "Education As It Relates To Blacks," will be given at 12:15 p.m. in room CA-4 and is open to the public without charge.

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MEMORY OF INA STINER TO BE HONORED BY PLACING PLAQUE AT HER OLD HOME

PORTERVILLE — A bronze plaque will be placed in front of the former home of the late Ina Stiner at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, commemorating the contributions of Porterville's foremost historian. The dedication program will be conducted by the Plano 4-H club with the plaque furnished by the Tulare County Historical society.

The home, located at 191 North E street, and now over a century old, was moved to Porterville from Plano in the 1920's, and for over 50 years served as that community's Presbyterian manse.

The plaque will be placed in the sidewalk in front of the home where Miss Stiner lived during the 1920's and 1930's while teaching at Porterville High school, and after her retirement.

Acting as mistress of ceremonies for the dedication will be Katherine Homer, citizenship chairman and vice president of the Plano 4-H club. Invocation will be offered by Rev. Wil Spate of the Porterville Bicentennial commission; color guard will be the 45-member Plano 4-H Bicentennial Flag corp with historic flags and costumes; flag salute will be led by Tim

Buckley, president of the Plano 4-H club.

Walter Long, president of the Tulare County Historical society, will give the Welcome, and Jeff Edwards, Porterville historian and Bicentennial commission member, will tell of the history of the home. Annie Mitchell, Tulare county historian and former student of Miss Stiner's, will tell of her high school days in Porterville.

Ethel Martin Prestage, a pioneer descendant, who lived in the house in Plano, will tell of her memories of the home. Jack Hooper, the present owner, will describe the home as it is today.

"THE CONTRAST" TO BE PRESENTED AS PANTHER BAND MEMBERS BENEFIT

PORTERVILLE — Porterville college will present a special benefit performance of the bicentennial play "The Contrast" Saturday, January 17 to aid the Porterville High School Panther Band.

The performance, designed to help pay food expenses for the band during its July 4 trip to Philadelphia, will be given at 8 p.m. in the College Theatre. Preceding the play, the Fabulous Studio Band will perform. Costs will be \$1.50 for adults and \$1 for students.

"The Contrast," a 200-year-old comedy, which had a successful run at PC two weekends during November, concerns itself with the comic differences shown between the rough-and-ready settlers found in 1780 America and their

snobbish countrymen who followed British customs.

Featured in the cast will be Shirley Bechtel, Muriel Lucey Valerosi, Mary Henley, Bill Seaton, Sue Kall, Larry Unser, Larry Hayes, Jeff Mosby, Joe Teller, Skip Crumal, and Terry Bergfalk. John Holden directs the comedy.

Tickets for the benefit will be available at the College Theatre Box office.

BUS DRIVERS' CLASS JAN. 20

PORTERVILLE — Since all school bus drivers must take a special class every two years to renew their licenses, Porterville Adult school will conduct such a class extending over four sessions, January 20, 22, 27, and 29, each beginning at 7:30 p.m. in room P-7 on the Porterville High School campus.

Instructor will be J.W. Gregory, bus driving training instructor for the Porterville Union High School district.

Course content will deal with a review of laws and safety procedures plus focusing on specific problems and their solution, with emphasis on student discipline. Included will be a brief review of first aid, and student panel discussion.

Any school bus driver needing this training should contact the district transportation office at 784-7000, extension 31, or the adult school office at extension 14 to pre-enroll. There is no charge.

Adult School Classes Start On January 26

PORTERVILLE — Adult School spring semester classes begin January 26, according to R.H. Chamberlain, Director of Adult Education for the Porterville high school district.

Spring classes include: ceramics, income tax, lapidary, science fundamentals, local history, welding, oil painting, physical conditioning, sewing, horse care and training, leather craft, macrame, woodworking, American problems, Math. review, and U.S. history.

English classes range from learning the English language to high school level. Adult Driver training is available by appointment. Special classes for the handicapped are also scheduled.

In addition, the Adult school administers the General Education Development test of high school equivalency and offers classes to prepare for it, both in the day and evening hours. Daytime instruction in high school subjects and business skills is also available.

Adults who would like to learn about the diploma program or want information about any other classes should contact the Adult School office on the Porterville High School campus in person or by phone, at 784-7000 extension 14, or, after 6:30 p.m., 784-5149.

INDEPENDENCE LAKE PLANS SUSPENDED

LOS ANGELES — Walt Disney outdoor recreation division has suspended its planning effort for the Independence Lake recreation project until the U.S. Forest Service finalizes its land use plan for the region and until land exchanges between project property owners and the Forest Service are completed.

The announcement was made to the Sierra County planning commission by Robert B. Hicks, project manager. Hicks also stated that the company would not file its environmental impact statement until the matter was resolved.

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CITRUS JUDGING team from Porterville High School returned from Saturday's Reedley FFA Field Day with eight trophies and 28 ribbons. The competitors

were, front row from left: Sherry Tranter, Karen Carlisle, Jenny Schultz, Israel Longoria, Cheryl Paulus, Toby Nieblas, and Dennis Moench. Back row

from left: John Meyer, Darrell Johnstone, Tim Hicks, Mary Beth Lawrence, and instructor Rod Homer.

Gordon Duffy Testimonial Luncheon In Visalia Civic Center Feb. 2

VISALIA — Assemblyman Gordon Duffy will be honored at a testimonial luncheon in the Visalia Convention center, Monday, February 2, according to Visalia Mayor Tom Porter, representing a Tulare, Kings and northern Kern counties Mayors' committee.

It is anticipated that Duffy will use this occasion to formally announce his candidacy for a seventh term for the 32nd Assembly district seat.

All mayors of the incorporated cities of the 32nd Assembly District will serve on a non-partisan honorary

committee for the Bicentennial Year's salute to Duffy. They are: Porter; Frank Herrera, Delano; Lee Stanley, Lemoore; Stan Ham, Hanford; Donald Landers, Lindsay; Norman Griesbach, Tulare; Herb Jones, Farmersville; Burnham Smith, Corcoran; Earl Smith, Jr., Porterville; Alvin Goularte, Exeter; and Don Campbell, McFarland.

Mayors Peter Legakes, Woodlake and Leonard Higdon, Dinuba, although no longer in the 32nd district, will also participate in the tribute to Duffy.

Off-Road Vehicle Misuse Results In \$75 Fine

PORTERVILLE — Timothy D. Turner of Visalia appeared before Federal Magistrate Richard E. Combs on two charges regarding off-road vehicles, was found guilty as charged and was fined \$75.

Turner was cited by the U.S. Forest service for driving a 4-wheel drive vehicle in an area

closed to such vehicles and causing excessive damage to vegetative resources.

Operating his vehicle in a careless manner near Stony Creek Campground in the Hume Lake Ranger district of the Sequoia National forest, he destroyed young trees and caused some erosion problems.

NUCLEAR POWER SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT PLANNED

BAKERSFIELD — Issuance of a supplement to the San Joaquin Nuclear Project Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) is scheduled for March 1, Robert C. Burt, project manager, has announced.

Burt said the previously announced document issuance dates of November, 1975 and January, 1976 have been extended to provide additional time for preparation of replies to comments received from citizens and public agencies during the DEIR review period.

The supplement will be distributed to recipients of the DEIR and will be available for public review at a number of libraries in Los Angeles county and at all Kern County Public Library branches.

A 60-day public review and comment period will follow issuance of the supplement.

Porterville FFA Citrus Judges Dominate Reedley High Contest

PORTERVILLE — Winning all eight trophies at the Reedley Citrus Judging contest, held last Saturday on the Reedley high school campus, Porterville FFA's A and B Citrus teams dominated the contest, also winning a total of 28 award ribbons.

Dennis Moench, team captain, was first high individual in citrus identification and was the fifth high individual in the contest.

Toby Nieblas, third high individual in the contest, was second in both lemons and identification, and placed third in citrus nursery trees.

Cheryl Paulus, third member of the team, was second high in oranges and fifth in citrus nursery trees; Diane Hooker was the alternate.

In B Class competition, open to first year judges only, Porterville High school dominated the contest with three out of the five high placing teams. Winning first place honors was Karen Carlisle, high individual in the entire contest, and also winning second in nursery trees and third in identification.

Jenny Schultz was second high individual and also won second in both orange and lemon judging, third in grapefruit, and fourth in identification.

Third member of the winning team was Israel Longoria, who placed third in lemons.

The third place team consisted of Darrell Johnstone, high individual in orange judging and fifth in nursery trees; Tim Hicks, placing fourth in lemons, and fifth in both oranges and grapefruit; and Jeff Hall.

The fifth high team in competition was Sheri Tranter, who won both the grapefruit and nursery tree judging, placed fourth in oranges, and was fourth high individual in the contest; Mary Beth Lawrence, high individual in identification; and John Meyer, high individual

in lemon judging.

Accompanying the citrus judging teams to the contest was team coach, Rod Homer.

Several FFA judging teams from Porterville high competed at the Reedley Field day.

Instructors Bob Mailand and Verl Jett took teams to the competition in Farm Power, Ag Mechanics, Horse Judging, and Livestock Judging.

Mailand's team placed third high out of 13 in competition. The Farm Power team consisted of David Brown, high individual; Robert Sheets, ninth overall; Dennis Laux; and John Bianchi, alternate.

The PHS Ag Mechanics team was third high. Team Captain Doug Schultz was second high individual overall, third high individual in Tool Identification, and second high individual in Arc Welding. Phillip Carlton placed third high in Gas Welding; and Jim Rappalie was third high in Tool Sharpening.

Alternates for the Ag Mechanics team were Milie McQueen, Cary Letsinger, Doug Battenfield, and Gary Clevn.

Liana Southerland placed fifth high individual overall in Horse Judging. In Livestock judging, the team of Denise Wiley, Jackie Klobe, and Kay Johnstone brought home a second place ribbon in Swine. Miss Johnstone won top honors as high individual.

Vicky Wardlaw and Larry Steckman competed individually in Livestock. The Livestock team will be traveling to Fresno on January 31 for the annual California Pork Producers sale and judging contest.

FARM BUREAU

VISALIA — George Daniels, from the California Farm Bureau Federation Farm Employers Labor service, will speak at January meeting of directors of the Tulare County Farm Bureau in the Assembly room, Visalia. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m.

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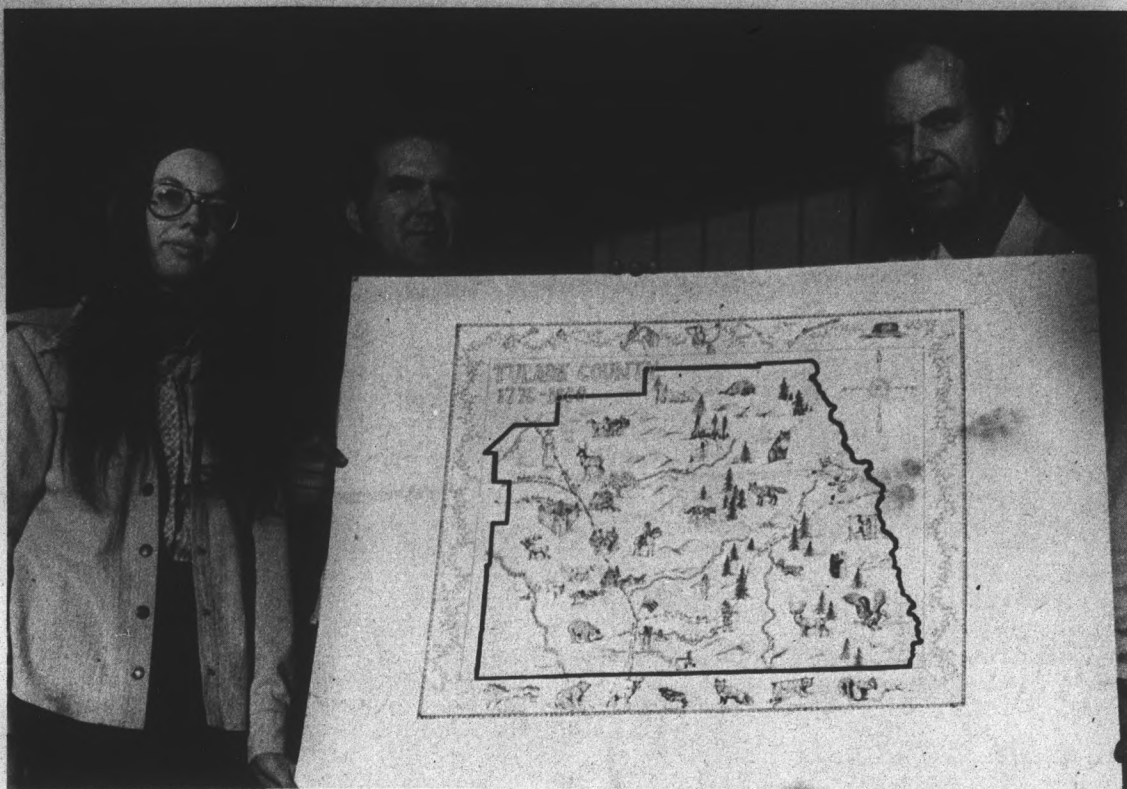
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MRS. BECKY McCLURE SMITH presents her map of early Tulare county to Bill Horst, vice chairman and Rodney Homer, chairman of the Tulare County Bicentennial commission. The map depicts happenings and wildlife of the county prior to the 1860's. Her rendering has been accepted as the official Tulare County Bicentennial map and is available to anyone for use through the Tulare County chamber of commerce.

31,215 "CLEAN AIR" VEHICLES IN CALIFORNIA; TAX LAW CHANGED

SACRAMENTO — During 1975, the final year of the "clean air" tax exemption program, an additional 3,809 motor vehicles in California qualified for the exemption according to a report released by the State Board of Equalization, representing a gain of 13.9 percent over 1974. When the program ended on December 31, 1975, a total of 31,215 vehicles were certified for the exemption.

The clean air exemption was created when, in an effort to encourage reduced air pollution, the state legislature amended the Use Fuel Tax law for a period of five years, effective January 1, 1971, to grant an exemption from the use fuel tax on liquefied petroleum gas (LPG), liquid natural gas (LNG), and compressed natural gas (CNG) when the fuel was used in motor vehicles equipped with a conversion system approved by the State Air Resources board. Fuel used in approved vehicles

was also exempt from the sales and use tax.

Legislation enacted in 1975 and effective January 1, 1976, provides an alternative to the present use fuel tax for owners or operators of vehicles which use LPG, LNG, or CNG as fuel. Owners or operators of vehicles using these gaseous fuels may pay an annual flat rate tax to the board in lieu of the unit use fuel tax. Upon payment of the annual flat rate, the owner or operator receives a windshield emblem from the board which allows purchases of gaseous fuel during the calendar year without payment of the unit use fuel tax.

Persons installing a carburetion system for the use of these fuels, or transferring vehicles having such carburetion systems, are required to notify the board of such action. Fees for the annual flat rate permit are based upon the vehicle's weight. Detailed information may be obtained from the Board of Equalization field offices.

Blood Bank In Porterville Tuesday, Jan. 27

PORTERVILLE — First drawing of the new year at the mobile Blood Bank will be Tuesday, January 27, from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Porterville Elks lodge.

Persons listed as needing blood donations may be anywhere in the United States, as donors may give blood in Porterville for almost any hospital in the country.

Replacement donations result in substantial savings to the patients, as the current charge for each unit of blood transfused is \$36.00. The patient will receive a \$12.00 credit for each unit donated for his account; therefore, three donations are needed to replace each unit of blood used.

Anyone needing replacement donations is urged to contact the Porterville chamber of commerce office, 784-7502, or Loren Schmid, California Federal Savings and Loan, 784-1320, so their names may be placed in the papers prior to the blood bank drawing.

Pioneer Water . . .

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Information concerning the legislation has come through Congressman John Krebs to Robert Gauger, president of the Pioneer Water company, who says that Pioneer directors will now seek additional funds under H.R. 6874.

Gauger said that the exact amount has not been determined, but enough money is needed to complete some three miles of the North branch from Henderson and Main, out Sunnyside, and into the Welcome district.

At annual Pioneer stockholders' meeting in December, it was reported that about \$400,000 would be needed for the North branch, and that application for a supplemental loan was being prepared.

Gauger says that it might take three years to get a supplemental loan, but that an increase in the existing loan could be completed within a relatively short time.

At the present time the Pioneer pipeline system has been completed from Success dam to Henderson avenue and Porterville's Main street, including the Main branch and the Patterson branch. As of now, Pioneer directors do not contemplate piping the open ditch that comes through Murry park, the municipal golf course, and the City of Porterville.

Pioneer Water company's application for an interest-free federal loan originated in 1966; funding became available in 1973 and actual construction was started in that year.

When the present federal loan of \$475,000 was being negotiated three to four years ago, studies by Bureau of Reclamation and Pioneer Water company engineers indicated that the entire ditch system could be put into pipeline for that amount.

Inflation, however, has considerably changed the picture and now it is believed that an additional \$400,000 may be needed to complete the original project.

Serving with Gauger on the Pioneer Water company board are: R.J. Owen, vice president; C.G. Van Lente, secretary; R.E. Hawkins, treasurer; and John Bulk, director.

The Pioneer Land company was organized in 1866 for the purpose of supplying and distributing irrigation water; the Pioneer Water company was incorporated in 1888.

We Only Heard

By BILL RODGERS

AMAZING AND confusing, sometimes, are pronouncements from the academic community, like, for instance, a new rule promulgated by the Los Angeles board of education, to wit - no high school diploma will be given to students who can't read. But high school seniors in L.A. can go right on graduating without being able to read until 1979 since board members felt it unfair to pin such a requirement on students without prior warning... This would be a laughable situation if it wasn't such a sad and serious indictment of what's going on - or rather, what's not going on in education today.

THE FAT'S in the fire, the point of no return has been reached, there's no way to go except forward... whatever the terminology, the situation regarding the Porterville fair is clear: A major renovation and remodeling plan is underway; the ultimate tab is estimated at \$250,000, less contributions in money, labor and materials; the big tear-down has started to make way for the big build-up, much of which must be completed by May 20 when the Bicentennial fair - Porterville's 29th annual fair - opens for a run of three days and nights... Folks interested in helping should contact Joe Mosconi or Joe Faure.

WHEN THE price of groceries goes up, as it has, self-proclaimed and officially appointed guardians of the consumer scream to high heaven, blast farmers for profiteering, demand new legislation to protect "we the people" and generally denounce the nation's profit system. But when Teamsters announce they are going after nearly \$10 an hour in their 1976 wage bargaining, guardians of the consumers say nothing, in fact they may even applaud... But pay increases without work increases create inflation which in turn leads to higher grocery prices... We suggest that consumer advocates tell it like it is, remembering that what's sauce for the goose is also sauce for the gander.

AN ACTIVITY the city does not need - the promotion of guitar lessons by the Parks and Recreation department.

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RANKIN EXPLAINS AFFIRMATIVE ACTION HIRING

PORTERVILLE — Dr. Jacob Rankin, Porterville School superintendent, Monday night reviewed Affirmative Action hiring policies which have been proposed for the school district but have not yet been adopted by the governing boards.

Rankin, addressing members of the Porterville chapter of California School Employees association, stated that the Affirmative Action Advisory committee's five-year plan for increasing the number of

minorities and women hired by the district is not a quota system which must be rigidly followed, but is rather a statement of goal's that will eventually lead to equal opportunity employment practices.

Goals developed by the committee would eventually bring about an employment ratio of approximately 50 percent women in all job classifications in the school

Wine grape day is set for the University of California at Davis, January 31, with program starting at 8:30 a.m. in Freeborn hall.

system, and approximately 30 percent employees of ethnic minority background.

Rankin explained that it was the opinion of the Advisory committee that the district should make "overt efforts" to recruit and hire both women and minority persons, but that minimum qualifications for employment will not be compromised in order to fulfill the recommendations of the committee.

Both the high school and elementary governing boards will be considering for adoption a 40-page Affirmative Action document at their January meetings.

"PIONEER HOMES OF TULARE COUNTY" HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING SUBJECT

PORTERVILLE — "Pioneer Homes of Tulare County" will be the subject of a slide presentation shown by Jeff Edwards, Porterville historian, at the annual meeting of the Tulare County Historical society to be held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday in the Community room of the Porterville public library.

The meeting will be held immediately following dedication ceremony and plaque laying at the former Ina Stinner home at 191 North E street, starting at 2:00 p.m.

Rodney P. Homer of Porterville, chairman of the

Tulare County American Revolution Bicentennial commission and Society past-president, will serve as program chairman. Society president, Walter Long of Tulare, will conduct the short annual meeting; flag salute will be led by Tim Buckley, president of the Plano 4-H club, with the Plano 4-H Bicentennial Flag corps acting as an honor guard.

The public is invited to attend, the library will be open for tours, and refreshments will be hosted by the Plano 4-H club.

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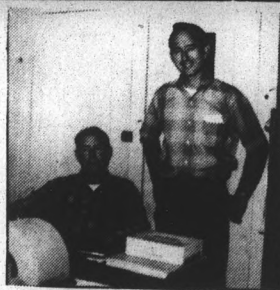


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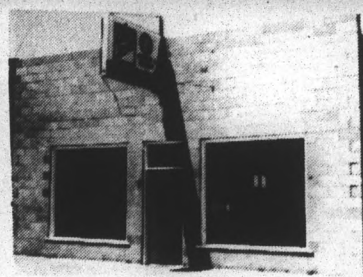


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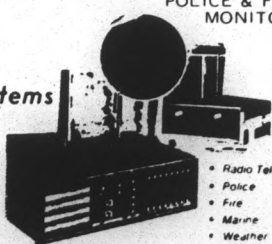
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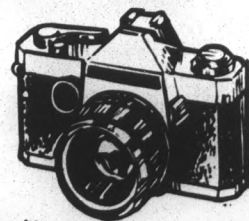
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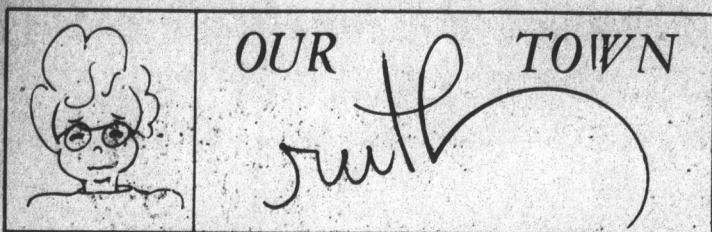
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On February 8th, a group of WILLIE LAND'S friends are getting a fun evening together to help WILLIE pay some of his hospital bills. JAN and GORDON will be up at Nelson's Lodge that evening to help everyone have a good time. I offered to sing, but I guess JAN wasn't too impressed. I really think the reason she doesn't want me to sing is because she doesn't know "Stomp the Paper Bag," which is my specialty. It has fourteen stanzas, and is heartbreaking.

I was on this committee, and I was supposed to make a few dozen open faced sandwiches, and take them to the community room at the library. I found some thinly sliced bread, lots of cream cheese, and some fun recipes, and started in. I made the mistake of asking some men watching football on T.V. if they would taste my concoctions. They loved my sandwiches so much I had to go down and get some more cream cheese. I worked all morning, and finally arrived at the library. I put my sandwiches on a plate, and surprise. All the good cooks in OUR TOWN had made delicious nut, banana, orange, date, and cherry breads. These

bread were all thinly sliced and waiting on elegant silver trays. There were my little round sandwiches all piled up on this plate. They looked awful, and so sad. They were still sitting there when I left. I felt sorry for them. I should know better than to ever say yes, when I am asked to make something to eat. I wasted lots of bread too, and had to take it down to the ducks at the park. The ducks loved my sandwiches' crusts.

As it must have dawned on you by now, I have nothing to write about. I had three stories, but after checking them out, I found they wouldn't work. I know no one is interested in how good a grandmother I am. How I gave my granddaughter a bath, and she didn't slip out of my hands, as I had feared. What a wonderful time I had getting a nursery ready, and the crib with all nice clean new sheets, and a Raggedy Ann in the corner. The very special feeling of a tiny head against my cheek, and I know she smiled at me once.

Happiness is being a grandmother, even far away.

INCOME TAX CLASS PLANNED

PORTERVILLE — Again this year Porterville Adult school will hold a short course in income tax that will meet Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. on the Porterville High School campus, beginning January 27. According to the instructor, Vern Hayward, the course is designed for those who have their income tax forms made out, as well as those who make out their own tax returns. Those interested may enroll the first night of class in room V-4.

"ALL SYSTEMS GO" AS DIRECTORS START FAIR RENOVATION PROGRAM

PORTERVILLE — It was "all systems go" at January 7 meeting of the Porterville Fair board, as directors assigned \$26,431 to the city of Porterville to apply on livestock barn construction, and authorized the hiring of Frank Bartlett as contractor for renovation of the fair's commercial exhibit building.

In addition directors announced that all material must be removed from the exhibit building, including stored items, paneling on exhibit booths, and equipment in concession booths. The grounds and building will be open all day Saturday and Sunday, January 17 and 18, for benefit of individuals who have removable material in the building.

Interior of the exhibit building will be "guttled" to clear the way for renovation work that will involve pouring a new concrete floor on top of the existing floor, strengthening supports for roof and walls, relining both interior and exterior of the building, installing of new doors at all building entrances, and redesigning of the building roof.

Bartlett plans to move in on January 19 to get the renovation project underway. It is expected that considerable volunteer labor can be used, and fair directors already have offers of materials at cost, or less.

All food and drink concessions now located in the commercial exhibit building will be moved into new concession stands that will be located in what is now the livestock barn area.

With a major project involving construction of new barns, the old barns will be demolished and salvageable material used in commercial exhibit building renovation.

Work on the \$76,431 new barns project, being handled through the City of Porterville since \$50,000 in Economic Opportunity money is involved, will get underway in the near future after preliminary work such as site engineering and trenching is completed. Low bidder on the barn construction job was Webb & Son, of Porterville.

Guido Lombardi, fair director and chairman of the fair's livestock committee, developed basic design for the new livestock barns over a period of

the past three years after looking at fair grounds facilities and talking with fair managers throughout California.

In other business of the January 7 meeting, Director Joe Mosconi, head of the fair's finance committee, reported that considerable interest is being shown in the fair project and that he is "pinning down" specific offers of financial contributions.

He said indications are that "substantial contributions will be made in the name of families and individuals in the community." He said that model of the fair's development plan can be seen at the Finance & Thrift office in Porterville.

Architect Jack Hayslett put a "broad price tag" of \$250,000 on the fair's rebuilding and renovation project that will include, in addition to new livestock barns and remodelled exhibit building, four new concession stands, new restroom and dressing room facility, new horticulture display area, fencing around the fair grounds with new gates, a home economics building, (not included in this year's plan) landscaping, an underground electrical system, livestock sales ring, and other general improvements.

"We will not complete all of the work this year," said Joe Faure, vice president and planning chairman of the fair board, "but we will have the new barns, new concession stands, and the commercial building ready to go with a new look when the Bicentennial fair opens May 20."

Attending the board meeting were: Directors Bill Rodgers, board president; Gerald Lumley, board secretary; John Trimmell, board treasurer; Faure, Webb, Mosconi, Lombardi, Bob Bennett, Gary Wallace, Don Hosfeldt, and George Carter.

BURTON 4-H WELCOMES THE DOAN FAMILY

BURTON — Eleven members of Burton 4-H welcomed the "Doan" family to Porterville on December 24, 1975 with gifts for their first Christmas in America. The family includes Mr. and Mrs. Doan, Grandmother Doan, Cuong 16, Viet 15, Trang 14, Hein 12, Bien 11, Ahn 9.

Chairmen Christina and Ted Webb delivered the gifts to Sister Bonita Francis at St. Anne's school who in turn presented them to the family. Members participating were Kirk and Kevin Kaiser, Dana Maples, Scott Simpson, Joanie Stadtherr, Kelly Padula, Karen and Melissa Webb and Jeff Valine.

Anne and Charlotte LaPresta were Burton's top 4-H breakfast ticket sellers. They both received trophies which were donated by Smith's market in a special meeting at the Southern California Edison Living center.

The runner-up winners were Mary Margaret Camp and Doug Huesden.

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Estate of
MARIE E. GERDES, Deceased.
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Attorneys for Executor
First publication: December 18, 1975
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BRIEF OF THE MINUTES
TULARE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Tuesday
December 30, 1975
Regular Meeting
All Members Present
75-3739 4th annual assessment of St. Johns Water Dist. appd.
75-3740 22nd annual assessment of Tea Pot Dome Water Dist. appd.
75-3741-3749 Agri. Preserves appd.
75-3750 Reading of Ord. waived.
75-3751 Ord. No. 1896 adopted.
75-3752 Reading of Ord. waived.
75-3753 Ord. No. 1898 adopted.
75-3754 Correction of 1975-76 assessment roll auth.
75-3755 Correction of 1975-76 assessment roll denied.
75-3756-3760 Correction of 1975-76 assessment roll auth.
75-3761 Correction of 1975-76 assessment roll denied.
75-3762 Correction of 1975-76 assessment roll auth.
75-3763 Statement of Expense substd. bldg. appd.
75-3764 Request State Office of Alcoholism waive requirement that Co. appt. a full-time alcoholism adm., appd.
75-3765 Dissolve existing Tul. Co. Alcoholism Adv. Board & appt. new members, appd.
75-3766 Fed. Dept. of Housing & Urban Dev. under Title I of Housing & Community Dev. Act of 1974 appd.
75-3767 Chairman auth. to sign EEA closeout documents & AEA directed to remit unspent EEA funds.
75-3768-3777 Various agreements terminated.
75-3778 Co. Exec. auth. to sign CCCJ grant.
75-3779-3780 Agree. No. 9573 & 9574 appd.
75-3781-3789 Deeds accepted.
75-3790-3792 Installation of street lights appd.
75-3793 Notice of completion filed.
75-3794-3800 Agree. No. 9575 thru 9581 appd.
75-3801 Final subdivision map with in City of Visalia appd.
75-3802 Reading of Ord. waived.
75-3803 Ord. No. 1892 adopted.
75-3804 Reading of Ord. waived.
75-3805 Ord. No. 1893 adopted.
75-3806 Agree. No. 9582 appd.
75-3807 Interim agree. appd. & Co. Csl. directed to draft legis. to enable Dept. of Educ. to raise tax rate limit.
75-3808 Advance step hiring, Home Health Aide, appd.
75-3809 Agree. extended.
75-3810 Notice of completion filed.
75-3811 Substd. bldg. abatement continued.
75-3812 Refund bldg. permit fee appd.
75-3813 Resol. re acceptance of gifts appd.
75-3814 Agree. No. 9480-A appd.
75-3815 Resignation from Comp. Health Plan. Assoc. of Kings Co. accepted.
75-3816-3817 Budgets established.
75-3818 Compromise & settlement of Co. lien appd.
75-3819 Calim. referred to Ins. Div.
75-3820 Reappts. to Tul. Co. Citizens' Welf. Adv. Comm. appd.
75-3821-3822 Transfer of funds appd.
75-3823 Reappts. to Tul. Co. Plan. Comm. denied.
75-3824 Impasse between Co. Atty. Assoc. & Co. Mgmt. appd.
75-3825 Grievance re. sick time off denied.
75-3826 Reading of Ord. waived.
75-3827 Ord. No. 1894 adopted.
75-3828 Reading of Ord. waived.
75-3829 Ord. No. 1895 adopted.
75-3830 Reading of Ord. waived.
75-3831 Ord. No. 1897 adopted.
75-3832 Correction of 1975-76 assessment roll auth.
Adjourned to Monday, January 5, 1976, at 10:00 A.M.
January 5, 1976-10:00 A.M.
Adjourned Regular Meeting.
All Members Present
No official action taken.
Adjourned.
Robert E. Harrell, Chairman
Tulare County Board of Supervisors
ATTEST: JAY C. BAYLESS, Clerk
Board of Supervisors
By Elma McCartney, Deputy

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"CALIFORNIA" FEATURED BY VANDALIA 4-H

VANDALIA - Vandalia 4-H club's first meeting of the new year featured talks on the state colors, blue and gold, by Diane Hosfeldt, the state song, "I Love You, California," by Dawn Hosfeldt, and the state animal, the Grizzly Bear, by Kelly Martin. These talks are part of a continuing project of the citizenship group.

Other reports were given on the California Farm Equipment show which will be held February 10-12 at the Tulare County fairgrounds. Luanne Graves asked each high school member to make two pies which the Hi-4-H group will sell, along with coffee, at the farm equipment show.

Diane Hosfeldt read a letter from one of the servicemen who received Christmas cookies from the club members.

Project reports were given by Jamie, Renell and Perry Land, Leisa and Leighann Milford, David and Danise Mahnke, and Ricky Mueller.

The meeting was presided over by President Dawn Hosfeldt. Rocky and Renee Marberry and Geoff Wiggs led the pledge of allegiance and the 4-H pledge was led by Rondi Mueller, Kari Sweet and Wendy Tomsen. Shannon Graves, Jill Hammond, Dana Hosfeldt, and Kathy Moench led group singing.

Refreshments were served by Becky Rippee, Jamie Land and their committee. The next meeting will be February 12, at Vandalia School.

Meyer Lemons Certified For County Planting

SACRAMENTO - California has announced the first certification of the popular fruit-producing, dwarf-growing Meyer lemon trees since a program to rid them of diseases began in the mid-1960's according to Clyde R. Churchill, Agricultural Commissioner of Tulare county.

Churchill said he expects

Dairy Waste Management Seminar To Cover Wide Range Of Subjects

VISALIA - A dairy waste management seminar will be held January 19 for dairymen in Tulare County to discuss problems on dairy waste holding ponds, how to improve the efficiency of these ponds, and assistance available to dairymen, according to Gale Gurtle, Tulare county farm advisor.

The seminar will start at 7:30 p.m. in the Tulare County Farm Bureau auditorium, 737 North Ben Maddox Way, Visalia, with a no-host dinner.

The program will include: Problems On Waste Holding Ponds And Assistance to Dairymen From Mosquito Abatement districts - George Whitten, Agricultural Engineer, Delta MAD.

Mosquito Control Concepts For Dairies - Reuben Junkert, civil engineer, vector control section, Department of Health, Sacramento.

Responsibility Of And Assistance From The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control board - Chris Lynds,

land and water use analyst, CVRWQCB.

Engineering Assistance From SCS - Bill Bruner, district conservationist.

Cost Sharing From ASCS On Holding Ponds - Gene Bennett, County ASCS Office manager.

Financial Assistance From Farmers Home Administration - Galen Wiley, county supervisor.

Information On Dairy Waste Management From The University Of California - Gale Gurtle, farm advisor.

How County Dairy Waste Committees Assist Dairymen - Merlin Fagan, Dairy Specialist, California Farm Bureau Federation.

Questions and discussion will conclude the program. Ray Sepeda of Tulare will be chairman of the meeting.

Gurtle invites all dairymen to attend who are interested in efficient operation of waste holding ponds. Reservations for dinner can be made by calling Gurtle at 733-6488 or 733-6363.

The Farm Tribune BILLBOARD

JANUARY

- 15-17 - California Holstein Convention, Visalia
- 17 - "The Contrast" At College Theater
- 18 - Plaque Ceremony, Ina Stiner Home
- 18 - County Historical Society Meeting, Porterville Library
- 22 - Tule Kiwanis Hot Stove Dinner
- 23 - "Finishing Touches" Opens At Barn Theater
- 24 - 4-H Field Day, Lindsay
- 27 - Blood Bank, Elks Lodge
- 29-30-31 - "Oliver" Presented By Monache Drama Dept.

FEBRUARY

- 2 - Assemblyman Duffy Testimonial Dinner, Visalia Convention Center
- 3 - Auditions, City Of Hope Spectacular
- 7 - Porterville Chamber Banquet
- 8 - Springville Lions Ham Dinner
- 10-11-12 - California Farm Equipment Show, Tulare

- 28 - City of Hope Spectacular

APRIL

- 17 - Jackass Mail Run
- 24-25 - Springville-Sierra Rodeo

MAY

- 20-21-22 - Porterville Bicentennial Fair

these improved Meyer lemon trees to be available in large numbers by early summer. A limited number may be available soon in some areas.

Because of the danger of transmitting tristeza virus and other virus complexes to other types of citrus trees, Meyer lemons were banned in certain areas of the state, but Churchill said the improved Meyer lemon plants are now eligible to move into the Meyer lemon free districts.

Hot Stove . . .

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members of the Tule Kiwanis club.

Master of ceremonies will be Bob Rogers, formerly with the California Angels and now a California league manager; among the ball players who will attend are: Bert Blyleven of the Minnesota Twins; Bill Buckner, of the Dodgers; Tito Fuentes of the San Diego Padres; and Steve Ontiveras and Dave Rader, of the San Francisco Giants.

Persons attending will have an opportunity to talk with the ball players and get autographs.

A patriotic, Bicentennial opening for the meeting will be led by Miss Porterville - Cindy Gill; pledge of allegiance will be led by Porterville Twirlerettes Julie Held, Tonya Jones, and Paige Wilson; invocation will be spoken by the Rev. Wil Spaite, of the Church of the Nazarene; music will be provided by Buck Shaffer and the Fabulous Studio band.

Tule Kiwanians in charge of banquet details and related activities include: Bruce Dierkes and Bob Dinwiddie, celebrities golf tournament; Jack Coffey and Steve Foster, program; Ray Cauwet, publicity; Jasper Land and Bill Drumright, dinner; Bill Luehe, ticket sales; and Jerry Dhanens, entertainment of baseball celebrities. President of the Tule Kiwanis club is Nero Pruitt.

Preparing the dinner will be Albert and Elsie Rodriguez; proceeds will be used in the Tule Kiwanis youth activities program.

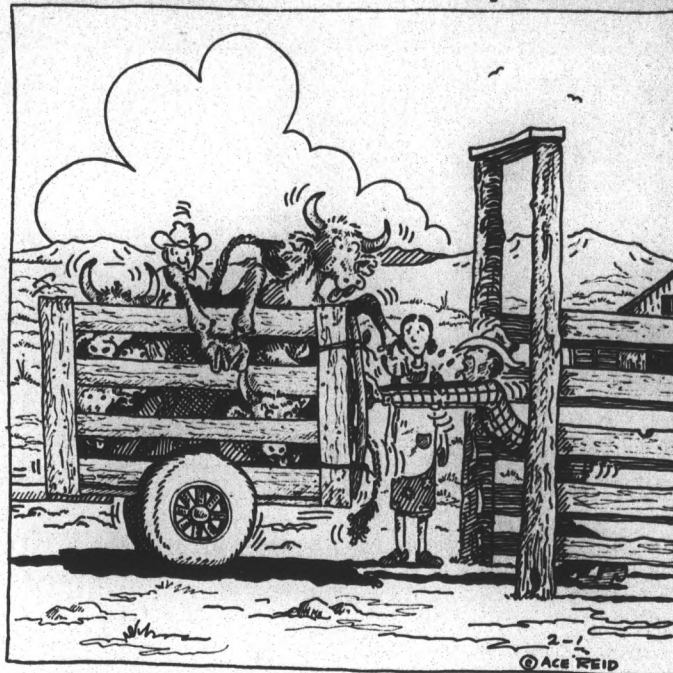
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APPALOOSA CLUB QUEEN CONTEST

VISALIA - Central California Appaloosa Horse club has opened its Queen Contest to any young ladies between the ages of 18 and 24 years who have never been married. Girls will be judged 25% on poise and

personality, 25% on appearance and 50% on horsemanship. Deadline for entries is January 26, anyone wanting an entry blank may call Mrs. Mable Johnson at (209) 732-0834, Visalia.

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JOHN START, Porterville chief of police (that's him on the phone), is shown talking with Edward M. Davis, Los Angeles chief of police, who will be the speaker at annual banquet of the Porterville chamber of commerce February 7 (at least the publicity release said John was talking with Ed) while Gerald Lumley, banquet program chairman, takes notes. With Davis as speaker, lively and probably controversial comments can be expected. Banquet tickets, now available to chamber members, will go on public sale next week. Arrangements for the appearance of Davis in Porterville were made by Start. (Farm Tribune photo)

Farewell Address . . .

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or less force to every species of free government. Who that is a sincere friend to it can look with indifference upon attempts to shake the foundations of the fabric?

Promote then, as an object of primary importance, institutions for the general diffusion of knowledge. In proportion as the structure of a government gives force to public opinion, it is essential that public opinion should be enlightened.

PHONEY HERBICIDES BEING OFFERED

VISALIA — County Agriculture Commissioner Clyde R. Churchill is telling all local farmers to beware of out-of-state salesmen claiming to sell herbicides that will control all weeds for up to three years.

There was a rash of such activity last year, and some local contacts have already been made this year, Churchill says. He warned, "Since some of these pesticides being sold are restricted materials, and need a permit to possess and use, farmers should note that they may be in violation of both county and state laws and regulations when buying and using these materials from these out-of-state salesmen."

Churchill further adds, "Local pest control advisors, dealers and operators can supply any type or combination of pesticide a farmer will need, and can legally use."

BOWLES JOINS U.S. AIR FORCE

VISALIA — Douglas Ray Bowles, of Porterville, has joined the U.S. Air Force under the delayed enlistment program. Bowles, a student at Porterville high school, will report for duty June 16.

Carrot digging is increasing in the Coachella valley.

COMMUNITY CHORUS INVITES SINGERS; FIRST REHEARSAL TUESDAY EVENING

PORTERVILLE — The Porterville College Community chorus, sponsored by the Porterville college music department, will begin rehearsals Tuesday, January 20, at 7 p.m. in room CA-2; the chorus is open to all residents of the community and is expected to draw between 35 and 50 persons.

Thomas Miller, director of musical activities at the college, will be conducting the chorus, replacing Dean Semple who is on sabbatical leave this year. Miller plans to perform a variety of musical styles this spring with emphasis on American composers in celebration of the bicentennial.

The chorus is presently scheduled to participate in a bicentennial show with the PC music department March 26 at the Memorial auditorium and will perform a major choral

work later this spring.

Persons interested in joining the chorus are invited to attend the first rehearsal or call Miller for further information. He can be reached at 781-3130, extension 55.

City of Hope . . .

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but were not selected, are invited to appear February 3.

Performers must provide their own accompaniment at the try-out and for the show; no recorded accompaniments will be accepted.

During the try-outs a grand piano, and a microphone will be on stage; all stage lights will also be available.

Performers must appear in their show costume for the audition; a time limit of three minutes has been set for each act auditioning.

Judges will be members of the Porterville City of Hope chapter and from the entertainment field. Acts must be done in a professional manner; the audition is not a contest but rather a means of selecting acts that will contribute to the variety of entertainment needed on the show.

Buck Shaffer will again produce the Spectacular; the Fabulous Studio band will be on stage; Bill Rodgers will MC the show.

The 1976 City of Hope Spectacular, the night of February 28 in the Porterville Memorial auditorium, will mark the 14th year since Shaffer produced the first Spectacular back in 1963.

Allan Grant . . .

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then in more recent years have produced row crops, beef cattle and Belgian horses.

Grant has "lived" Farm Bureau since the end of World War II, and has been outspoken and articulate in behalf of agriculture.

A brother of Allan, Eric Grant, is a resident of and a businessman in Porterville.

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